

Application No. 10/616,522
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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 2, 3, 5 – 14, 16 – 18, and 20 are now pending in this application. The amendments to the claims result in the addition of two independent claims for which fees were not previously paid. Please charge the additional claim fees to deposit account 03-1129 as indicated on the attached fee transmittal sheet.

In the Office Action dated May 13, 2004, the examiner rejected claims 1, 4 and 19 in the Office Action dated May 13, 2004. The examiner also indicated that claims 15 – 18 were allowable and that claims 2, 3, 5 – 14, and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in proper independent form. The examiner also objected to drawings on the basis that Figures 1 and 2 allegedly only show that which is old. Proposed drawing changes are marked in heavy print on an attached copy of drawing sheet 1/3.

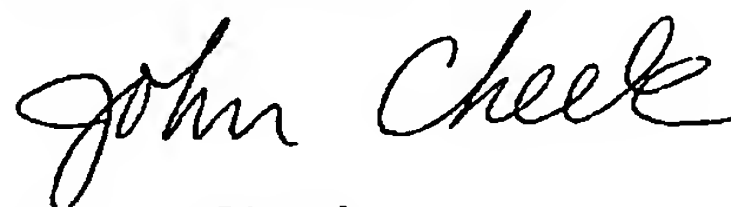
Rejected claims 1, 4, and 19 are canceled above without prejudice, thus rendering the examiner's rejection of these claims moot.

Claims 2, 7, and 20 are rewritten in Independent form as suggested by the examiner, thus obviating the examiner's objections to claims 2, 3, 5 – 14, and 20.

Claim 15 canceled without prejudice, and allowable dependent claims 16 and 18 are rewritten in independent form. The rewriting of claims 16 and 18 to independent form does not change the scope of the claims from their original dependent form and is not done to overcome any rejection or other adverse determination by the Office regarding patentability of any claims.

This application is considered in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action is requested.

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